

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0697-01
Bill No.: HB 535
Subject: Education, Elementary and Secondary: Foreign Languages
Type: Original
Date: March 5, 2001

FISCAL SUMMARY

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS | | | |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2002 | FY 2003 | FY 2004 |
| General Revenue | (\$126,183) | (\$145,967) | (\$149,678) |
| | | | |
| Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds | (\$126,183) | (\$145,967) | (\$149,678) |

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS | | | |
|---|------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2002 | FY 2003 | FY 2004 |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS | | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2002 | FY 2003 | FY 2004 |
| Local Government | (Greater than \$100,000) | (Greater than \$100,000) | (Greater than \$100,000) |

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 3 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Secretary of State's Office (SOS)** assumed, in a response to a similar proposal, the rules, regulations and forms issued by the State Board of Education could require as many as 8 pages in the *Code of State Regulations*. For any given rule, roughly half again as many pages are published in the *Missouri Register* as in the Code because cost statements, fiscal notes and the like are not repeated in the Code. These costs are estimated. The estimated cost of a page in the *Missouri Register* is \$23. The estimated cost of a page in the *Code of State Regulations* is \$27. The actual costs could be more or less the SOS's estimated cost of \$492 for FY 2002. The impact of this legislation in future years is unknown and depends upon the frequency and length of rules, filed, amended, rescinded or withdrawn.

Oversight assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process. Any decisions to raise fees to defray costs would likely be made in subsequent fiscal years.

Officials of the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education** would request two Supervisors, one in the School Improvement area of the Division of Instruction to provide technical and curriculum assistance to school districts and one in Teacher Certification to help develop certification requirements and college training programs and provide technical assistance regarding certification.

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education officials also note there would be costs to school districts to write curricula, purchase books, employ certified teachers and adjust schedules to make room for foreign language instruction. They could not estimate costs to each district, but assume that costs to all school districts would well exceed \$100,000 per year.

| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u> | FY 2002 (10 Mo.) | FY 2003 | FY 2004 |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| GENERAL REVENUE FUND | | | |
| <u>Cost - Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DES)</u> | | | |
| Personal Service (2 FTE) | (\$81,344) | (\$100,053) | (\$102,554) |
| Fringe Benefits | (\$27,112) | (\$33,348) | (\$34,181) |
| Expense and Equipment | (\$17,727) | (\$12,566) | (\$12,943) |
| Administrative Cost to DES | (\$126,183) | (\$145,967) | (\$149,678) |
| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND | <u>(\$126,183)</u> | <u>(\$145,967)</u> | <u>(\$149,678)</u> |

FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government

FY 2002
(10 Mo.)

FY 2003

FY 2004

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Costs - Foreign Language Instruction in
Elementary Schools

(Greater than
\$100,000)

(Greater than
\$100,000)

(Greater than
\$100,000)

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON
SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

(Greater than
\$100,000)

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\$100,000)

(Greater than
\$100,000)

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This proposal would require that every child in public elementary schools in Missouri, with listed exceptions, receive regular classroom instruction in a foreign language.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space. The proposal would not affect Total State Revenue.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

NOT RESPONDING: St. Louis Public Schools; Kansas City Public School Board; Springfield Board of Education



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